



# Owosso Community Airport

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Shiawassee Airport Board  
Chuck Kerridge, Chair \_\_\_\_\_ City of Corunna  
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Julie MacKay \_\_\_\_\_ Shiawassee County  
Richard (Dean) Ebert \_\_\_\_\_ City of Owosso  
Mona Lisa McLaughlin \_\_\_\_\_ Airport Pilot Rep.  
Garry Csapos, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Airport Manager

## SHIAWASSEE AIRPORT BOARD

Regular Meeting of February 10, 2022  
Airport Terminal

\*\*\*MINUTES\*\*\*

Approved March 10, 2022

### ATTENDANCE:

#### Roll Call

#### Members Present

Julie MacKay	Shiawassee County
Ron Spicer	Caledonia Charter Township
Chuck Kerridge	City of Corunna
Richard Ebert (Dean)	City of Owosso
Joy Archer	Owosso Charter Township
Garry Csapos	Airport Manager/Secretary
Mona Lisa McLaughlin	Airport Pilot Rep.

Members Absent: Richard (Dean) Ebert

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda by Joy Archer supported by Ron Spicer.

Roll Call: - Approved by all present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of January 13, 2022 Meeting: Motion to approve by Ron Spicer supported by Joy Archer.

Roll Call: - Approved by all present.

### CITIZENS COMMENTS:

a. None.

### COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Mona Lisa McLaughlin- Airport Pilot Rep.  
None.

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Garry Csapos presented the financial report showing prepaid and unpaid bills of \$2,483.92 for February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A Trial Balance report from the Shiawassee County Financial Administrator shows a pooled cash balance of \$48,733.56 in Horizon and \$73,141.02 in Chase ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The AvFuel credit balance ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 was \$44,103.63. The January 2022 credit balance is not available yet. Total revenue deposited for the month of January 2022 was \$28,772.52. Motion to accept the financial report as presented by Julie MacKay and supported by Ron Spicer. Roll Call: -Approved by all present.

## **MANAGERS REPORT:**

Garry Csapos reported that fuel sales for the month January 2022 is 1,033 gallons. Total fuel sales for the year 2022 so far is the same 1,033 gallons. On Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 the airport received an e-mail from Michael Soper of MDOT. Attached was a letter regarding AWOS obstructions at the airport. Our AWOS station has been assigned a Priority 2 code which means further analysis is required. This situation has come to MDOT's attention because the FAA has renewed an interest in erroneous weather phenomena/data reaching our AWOS due to potential obstructions located in its vicinity. MDOT will be working with us on this issue in the future. On Tuesday Matt VanRaemdonck of Landmark Surveying started a survey of the River Trail on airport property. This survey took a couple of days. A big thanks goes out to Doug Haskins and the volunteers, Jason Morford, Richard Sack and Eugene Rench who helped us dig out of the recent snow storm that we had.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Scott Anttila outlined a proposal for the 2022 Great Lakes STOL(short takeoff & landing) competition. He believes that this event will bring money to the community. Aircraft, pilots and spectators will come to the airport. The café has brought pilots from all over southern Michigan to the airport. The atmosphere here is fantastic and airport has the facilities that we need to put on STOL competition. The general aviation at Owosso and the STOL would be a great match. It would be held on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The first day the pilots come in and the Great Lakes National STOL would come in and they would bring in an Air Boss who talks to event traffic both in the air and on the ground. It would be well organized and would keep the airport open. They would need on site camping, RV's and some vendors. If any runways need to be closed for safety NOTAMS will be issued. The air boss will coordinate local air traffic with event air traffic. We would need volunteers for rampers and they would be briefed and wear high visibility vests. The civil air patrol (CAP) could also be involved. All liability insurance and workman's comp issues will be addressed. After a detailed discussion with board members the event dates look to be August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Ron Spicer made a motion that we move forward to approve the plan and execution of the STOL competition tentatively scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> 2022. Julie MacKay supported the motion. Roll Call: -Approved by all present.

## **NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- a. Damien Frasier outlined his plans to remodel Hangar #110 Taxi Street 2 which he recently purchased. He passed out some aerial photos showing the hangar and the surrounding area. These plans consist of expanding the approach, add vehicle parking and a sidewalk. He explained that there is an office area in the hangar but no bathrooms in the hangar. He checked with the township and county and the closest sewer lines are from M-21 and they would approve a water line if he added a septic system. He has a law office. He would like to use the office space for both him and his assistant to work from. He also needs gutters put in to direct rainwater. Ron Spicer reminded Damien of the FAA requirements for funded airports. Damien explained that the Hangar itself will be used for two airplanes. The majority of the space would be used for aviation purposes. No clients will be in the hangar as most business is conducted by phone or e-mail. Ron Spicer asked how many hours a week the office would be staffed? Damien responded about two days a week. Ron asked Damien for a summary in writing what his business plans for the hangar office area. Ron wants a legal decision or recommendation on a nonaeronautical use. We certainly want to work with you but we need to make the right decision. If you could put your plans in a document not so much the improvements, its what your business plans are and give them to the airport manager. Damien said that regardless if he uses the building for his business he would still like to make the physical improvements. Mona Lisa asked how long would the construction take because it would block someone from taxiing from the north t-hangars. Damien estimated that the water line would take less than a day and the sidewalk construction would not be in the way. Chuck Kerridge was concerned where the water line would go. Ron Spicer said we will have to research the legal aspect of the water line on airport property. Chuck said if you get us all of the information then we can get an attorney to evaluate the plan.
- b. Chuck Kerridge said the next item of business was to review and renew the airport documents. Each board member received a list of airport documents up for annual review. Chuck said that in the last few months we have discussed some issues with some documents. Chuck requested that someone make a motion to approve the documents as they presently are. Ron Spicer made a

**motion that we approve the review of the airport documents marked February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 as updated for review. Joy Archer supported the motion. Roll Call: -Approved by all present.**

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

- a. **Rob Ching and Mya Hall run an aerial application business out here on the Owosso Airport. They passed out some written information with aerial pictures showing crop yields that benefit from their service. Their objective is to help growers in the area with there crops. Rob introduced themselves to the new board members. They run two aircraft that they run out of the SASCON building and they own the blue hangar which is #1504 Taxi Street 5. Mainly they do seeding, fertilizer, fungicide on corn and some forestry work as well. There bread and butter is corn. They are hoping to get a turbine aircraft out here at some point. We are expanding and have a lot of work to do. There is a fungus in the area and the most effective way to take care of it is with an airplane. We would like a bigger airplane to help more of our growers in the area. Because we spray chemicals we are highly regulated. Most of the regulations we follow are from the FAA and MDAR(Michigan Department of Agriculture). Aura tests their aircraft at the MDAR spray clinic every year for our spray pattern and they inspect the aircraft. The FAA does an inspection annually on there aircraft, the log books, their facilities and their records. Aura attends two annual industry meetings each year. The total economic impact from spraying 30,000 of corn acres each year saved on average about 30 bushels per acre. That's an economic impact of \$6,300,000.00 out of this airport. This is a use for the airport from about 1% of the pilots. I wanted to make you aware of what we are doing here in the summer time for all of the growers in the area. Also we got new technology. This is our drone which was on display in the terminal building. For a long time drones were not allowed at airports. The rules for part 107 have changed. We are going to be spraying with this drone. We are the first company in Michigan to be certified by the FAA and MDAR. We will be basing this out of the Owosso Airport. We will be doing residential spraying with it. Robert referred to the areas on the map which was handed out to all board members. The red areas are where we didn't spray and the green areas where we did spray. The chart shows data from yield monitors on the combines. The yield from where we didn't spray was about 200 bushels per acre and where they did spray was 250 bushels per acre. This is a typical example of what we do with the airplanes. There customers saved on average about 30 bushels per acer. Mona Lisa asked if their drone has to follow basic drone regulations. Rob explained yes that the drone has to give way to any manned aircraft. We may be flying it out here to test some stuff. It will mainly be used in residential areas.**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

- a. **Joy Archer was disappointed that the Civil Air Patrol will not be operating out of the airport any more.**

**ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn made by Ron Spicer and supported by all present.**

**Sponsor Members: Shiawassee County - City of Owosso  
City of Corunna - Caledonia Charter Township - Owosso Township**